

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shannon Reynolds called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Brett L. Wittner, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Councilmember Brett L. Wittner attended the meeting virtually.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Reynolds invoked Fircrest City Council Rule 9. Regular Council Meeting Agenda to allow an agenda modification and stated that the Council will continue the April 8, 2025, Special Meeting public comment regarding the Whittier School Replacement Project Discussion. There were no objections from the Council.

A. Whittier School Replacement Project Discussion

The Tacoma Public School Planning and Construction team discussed parking concerns, public safety, and public outreach.

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment.

- Lenny Swanson, 534 Forrest Park Drive, expressed support for expanding Whittier Elementary School to serve fourth and fifth grades.
- Casey Thompson, 1518 Rainier Drive, commented on parent drop-off and pick-up logistics.

The following individuals provided comment in support of keeping the students on-site during the rebuild.

- Mary Johnson, 730 Alta Vista Place
- Brianna Eklund, 110 Holly Court
- Anne Frazier, 809 Ramsdell Street
- Lindsay Murphy, Whittier Elementary School Teacher
- David Westbrook, 306 Columbia Avenue

Council discussions included thanking the public for their participation, providing kudos to the school district for addressing parent concerns, and understanding the importance of the rebuild process.

Councilmember Wittner left the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Councilmember Viafore MOVED to take a five-minute recess; seconded by Councilmember Andrews.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

At 7:29 P.M., the Council took a five-minute recess and reconvened at 7:34 P.M.

B. Motion: Setting a Special Meeting for the HB 1110 Extension Application Discussion

City Manager Masko reported that the Middle Housing Ad Hoc Committee would like to request a special meeting to review the draft HB 1110 Extension application. **Councilmember Viafore**

MOVED to schedule a special meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at Fircrest City Hall; seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comment. There was a brief discussion on reviewing the draft application in advance. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Masko provided an update on several items to include the Police Chief recruitment, the City's funding request for the Senate Congressionally Directed Spending program for Alameda sidewalks, Pierce County Leadership Roundtable Meeting, and the upcoming Planning Commission's public hearing for the Middle Housing Code Amendments.

She also provided a brief report on the Parks and Recreation Department to include the Family Fun Dance, upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, youth baseball season, and pool season pass sales.

Lastly, Mrs. Masko reported on the draft photo enforcement program ordinance, the Council photo scheduled for April 21, 2025, and the generous Centennial Celebration from Westside Disposal.

There was a Council consensus to reschedule the Council photo.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Acting Police Chief Gollinger commented on the new police officer hire, Public Safety Testing at the Community Center, and National Night Out preparations.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Viafore; no comment.
- Councilmember Mauer-Smith; no comment.
- Councilmember George; no comment.
- Councilmember Bufford; no comment.
- Councilmember Andrews; no comment.
- Mayor Reynolds; no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Reynolds invited public comment. The following individuals provided comment.

- Laura Bollinger, Teamsters Local 117 Union Representative, commented on labor negotiations.
- Sherry Canavan, 345 Summit Avenue, commented on relationship building.
- Vince Navarre, address not provided, commented on enhancing public safety for Fircrest and removing fluoride from the City's water supply.
- Sarah Sherman, a Fircrest resident, commented on the sex offender notification process.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Administration

There was no report.

B. Built Environmental, Planning, and Building

There was no report.

C. Finance and Information Technology

There was no report.

D. Other Liaison Reports – Centennial Committee

Mayor Reynolds reported that the Investment Committee will meet soon to discuss interest returns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Reynolds requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of Check No. 222702 through 222770 in the amount of \$284,063.02
- B. Approval of Check No. 14473 through 14474 in the amount of \$9,367.91
Approval of Check No. 14475 through 14482 in the amount of \$69,164.50
Approval of payroll electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$166,631.50
- C. Registering no objections to the Wildside Wine Liquor License Application
- D. Approval of March 17, 2025, Study Session minutes

Councilmember Bufford MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 1969: Claremont St Grind and Overlay Bid Award

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that funding is provided through a Transportation Improvement Board grant. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1969, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works Contract with Miles Resources, LLC for the Claremont Grind and Overlay Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on the coordination with the City of University Place's sewer line project. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

C. Resolution No. 1970: Electron/Contra Costa Construction Management Contract Amendment #3

Public Works Director Bemis briefed the Council on the proposed resolution and highlighted that the amendment would allow for project management, construction observation, inspections, and contract administration. **Councilmember Bufford MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1970, authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Agreement with KPG Psomas for additional construction management services for the Electron Way & Contra Costa Avenue Intersection Improvement Project; seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.** Mayor Reynolds invited Councilmember comments. There was a brief discussion on a ribbon-cutting event. Mayor Reynolds invited public comment; none were provided.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

CALL FOR FINAL COMMENTS

There was a brief discussion on the recognition of new businesses in the City.

Councilmember Viafore acknowledged and welcomed the former Mayor and current Planning Commissioner McVay at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 P.M., Mayor Reynolds reported that the Council would take a five-minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed thirty-five minutes (35) minutes, to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and to review the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). City Manager Masko and Labor Attorney John Lee were invited to discuss labor negotiations. City Manager Masko was invited to review the performance of a public employee.

The Council reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Mauer-Smith.

The Motion Carried (6-0).



Shannon Reynolds, Mayor



Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk